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PAUL A. MAGNUSON JUDGE

March 25, 1985

To Counsel of Record in United States of America, et al, v. Reilly Tar & Chemical, et al Civil File No. 4-80-469

Dear Counsel:

This letter is to inform you of several conclusions I have reached in the last several days regarding the scheduling of this action.

I would first like to compliment all of you for the fine job you have done in attempting to comply with this court's case management order. In spite of your efforts, however, it appears that there is unanimous agreement that this case will not be ready for trial on April 29, 1985. This action will, therefore, be continued until September 3, 1985. I encourage you to use the time between April 1 and April 10 to attempt to negotiate a settlement of this case with the assistance of the Special Master.

As we discussed last Friday, since I have set a new trial date, you may want to reset your discovery deadlines. Accordingly, all deadlines set forth in the case management order are temporarily suspended. I will give you until April 10, 1985 to work out a new schedule.

I am also scheduling a pretrial conference in my chambers at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 1985. At that time we will discuss the new discovery schedule as well as any other problems you wish to bring to my attention. Please notify me by letter by April 5, 1985 of any particular issues you would like to bring up at the April 10, 1985 conference.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Magnuson

CC: Crane Winton, Special Master